

PREESALL-WITH-HACKINSALL
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1905.

To the Preesall Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure to present my SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

There were 36 births (17 males and 19 females), and 18 deaths (9 males and 9 females) registered in your Sanitary District during the year 1905, as compared with 44 births and 27 deaths in 1904.

The total Acreage of the District is 2,962 Statute Acres.

The Population, by Census of 1901, was 1,423—I have estimated it at 1,510 for the year—there being 314 inhabited houses, this allows an average of 4·8 persons to each house.

The birth-rate amounted to 23·84 per 1,000 inhabitants, and the gross death-rate to 11·92 per 1,000, as compared with 29·3 and 18 for the Previous year.

The death-rate from Zymotic diseases, at all ages, was nil, as compared with '66 the previous year.

There was one death from Accident.

There was no death under 1 year.

The death-rate from Phthisis and other tubercular diseases was 1·3, as compared with '6 the previous year.

The death-rate from Diseases of the Respiratory Organs, including Pneumonia, Bronchitis, and Pleurisy, was 3·3, as compared with 1·3 the previous year.

The Mortality from all causes, at subjoined ages, was as follows:—

At all Ages.	Under 1 year.	1 year and under 5.	5 years and under 15.	15 years and under 25.	25 years and under 65.	65 years and upwards.
18	—	3	2	2	4	7

Of the seven over 65 years, the Ages were—

67, 67, 70, 73, 74, 75, 88.

Honse accommodation is adequate, and, generally, fit for habitation—some still require better ventilation. There are still some houses empty. All houses are under the supervision of the Surveyor and Nuisance Inspector.

I am sorry to report that your Council does not take any steps to improve the Sewerage and Drainage of the District. With the increased supply of Water, this will require your serious attention.

Since the last report your Council have come to terms with the Fylde Water Board, for a supply of Water from their Grizedale Reservoirs; the work of laying the pipes has progressed, and in a few months Water will be supplied, which will do away with a long felt want.

There were 16 cases of Infectious Disease notified, as shewn in the following table :

CASES NOTIFIED:

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April	May.	June	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Diphtheria ...	6	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Membranous Croup	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Erysipelas ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3
Enteric Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
Total ...	6	2	1	1	2	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	16

There is no Isolation Hospital for Infectious Diseases.

The Diphtheria which started in December, 1904, continued in January, 1905, with six cases, and one in February; another case also occurred in May—there were no deaths.

There was one case of Membranous Croup also notified in March.

There were only three cases of Scarlet Fever.

There was no death from Epidemic Diarrhoea.

There were two cases of Enteric Fever and two of Erysipelas.

There was no Small-pox.

There is a Small-pox Hospital at Elswick, for use with The Garstang, Preston, and Fylde Unions.

There is still no Disinfecting Apparatus. Houses are disinfected with Izal, and fumigating with Sulphurous Acid Gas after case is better.

The two Slaughter-houses are Licensed and regularly inspected; they are both in a fairly good condition.

During the year Bye-laws relating to Cowsheds and Dairies have been passed, and will come into force March, 1906.

The Sanitary Inspector reports that 109 premises were found to require minor or structural alterations to place them in a Sanitary condition. This required the issuing of 129 notices, with the result that 85 have been satisfactorily dealt with, 9 have been partly dealt with, 6 are in hand, and 9 have not yet been commenced.

In consequence of these notices, 7 new Privies have been erected, 11 new Ashpits, and 3 new Cesspools made. At 34 Premises the drains have been relaid, and at 22 others they have been repaired.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are 4 Factories and 14 Workshops on the Register—

FACTORIES :

Salt Works	...	...	1
Brickmaking	...	...	1
Joinery	...	...	1
Corn Mill (Wind)...	...	...	1
			4

WORKSHOPS :

Provender Dealer...	...	...	1
Dressmaker	...	...	1
Bakers and Confectioners...			6
Bootmakers	...	...	2
Joinery	...	...	1
Blacksmith	...	...	1
Wheelwright	...	...	1
Saddlery	..	...	1
			14

Total	...	...	18
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Number of visits was 43.

No notices were served, and 4 verbal instructions to Linewash were given.

I append the Tables I., II., III., IV., V., as required by the Local Government Board.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM HENRY ROBINSON,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Fleetwood, March 9th, 1906.

